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### **2015 Racial Profiling Report – Tier 1**

Since January 1, 2002, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (CCP Art 2.132), has been collecting law enforcement contact data for the purpose of identifying and responding as necessary to concerns regarding racial profiling practices. In compliance with changes made by House Bill 3389, our agency further submits the required data contained herein to TCOLE.

Our agency claims partial racial profiling report exemption because our vehicles that conduct motor vehicle stops are equipped with digital video and audio equipment and we maintain videos for 90 days.

**Certification to This Report 2.132 (Tier 1) – Partial Exemption:** Article 2.132(b) CCP Law Enforcement Policy on Racial Profiling.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office has adopted a detailed written policy on racial profiling which:

- (1) clearly defines acts constituting racial profiling;
- (2) strictly prohibits peace officers employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Office from engaging in racial profiling;
- (3) implements a process by which an individual may file a complaint with our Office if the individual believes that a peace officer employed by our Office has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual;
- (4) provides public education relating to the agency's complaint process;
- (5) requires appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Office who, after an investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the Harris County Sheriff's Office's policy adopted under this article;
- (6) requires collection of information relating to motor vehicle stops in which a citation is issued and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information relating to:
  - (A) the race or ethnicity of the individual detained;
  - (B) whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search; and
  - (C) whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual; and
- (7) requires the chief administrator of the agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, to submit an annual report of the information collected under Subdivision (6) to:
  - (A) the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE); and
  - (B) the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.



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Sheriff of Harris County

**Harris County Sheriff's Office  
2015 Partial Exemption Racial Profiling Reporting  
(Tier 1)**

This is a modified version of the TCOLE recommended form. The only substantive modification is the addition of an "Other" category to the Race or Ethnicity category represented in lines 5-10. The added category has been characterized by \*\* and not an increase of numbered lines.

**To claim partial exemption agencies must submit a report that contains the following data or use the TCOLE provided format to report the data.**

**Instructions: Fill out all boxes. If zero, use 0.**

- 1. Total on lines 4, 11, 14, and 17 must be equal.**
- 2. Total on line 20 must equal line 15.**

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**Number of motor vehicle stops:**

Mark only 1 category per vehicle stop	1.	<u>82,640</u>	Citation Only
	2.	<u>4,259</u>	Arrest Only
	3.	<u>394</u>	Both
	4.	<u><b>87,293</b></u>	<b>Total</b>

**Race or Ethnicity:**

5.	<u>22,148</u>	African
6.	<u>4,708</u>	Asian
7.	<u>51,297</u>	Caucasian
8.	<u>3,447</u>	Hispanic
9.	<u>524</u>	Middle Eastern
10.	<u>65</u>	Native American
**	<u>5,104</u>	Other
11.	<u><b>87,293</b></u>	<b>Total</b>

**Race or Ethnicity known  
prior to stop?**

12.	<u>115</u>	Yes
13.	<u>87,178</u>	No
14.	<u><b>87,293</b></u>	<b>Total</b>

**Search Conducted?**

15.	<u>4,874</u>	Yes
16.	<u>82,419</u>	No
17.	<u><b>87,293</b></u>	<b>Total</b>

**Was search consented?**

18.	<u>264</u>	Yes
19.	<u>4,610</u>	No
20.	<u><b>4,874</b></u>	<b>Total must = line 15</b>